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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re DIVISIONAL Application of)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.)
Based On Serial No. 09/255,777) Art Unit: 2811
Which Was Filed: February 23, 1999) Examiner: R. Booth
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD FOR FORMING THE)
SAME) Date: April 22, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first sentence of the specification, insert - This application is a Divisional application of Serial No. 09/255,777 filed February 23, 1999; which itself is a Division of Serial No. 08/757,616, filed November 29, 1996; which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/085,931, filed July 6, 1993; which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/853,690, filed March 17,

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